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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Robert C. STEVENS

FOR : **REINFORCED CATHETER DEVICE,  
CATHETER STOCK, AND METHODS AND  
APPARATUS FOR MAKING SAME**

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US Patents:

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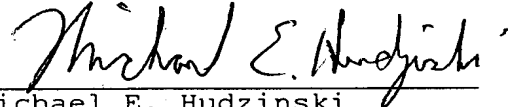
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